

June 11th, 2012

MY BIRDING BIO

Hello, my name is Eric Houser, I'm 56 and I live in Marlton, NJ. The one and only passion in my life is birding. I have been birding seriously since 1990. It would be a pleasure and an honor to become a member within your club.

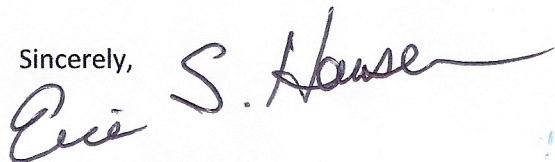
As a teenager, I gave up hunting with my Dad when I was about fifteen, because I no longer wanted to kill anything, but I still liked to be in the woods. I started out identifying hawks, then warblers, and then it was any species that I saw flying around. The void was filled once I picked up the hobby of birding.

I have been a serious birder since about 1990. I am a member of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and NJ Audubon. On May 12th, 2013 I participated in Cape May's World Series of Birding in The Century Run Group and can proudly say that it was my tenth time participating in that event!

I've had the privilege to bird with Pete Dunne, David Allen Sibley, Pat Sutton, and Jim Brett. I also, was honored to see Roger Tory Peterson speak at Kutztown College in October 22, 1994 on his recollections of Hawk Mountain. Even though Roger was ill and was not feeling well, it was exciting to hear him recall some of his most cherished moments he spent there on the mountain.

I currently bird in Burlington County, but try to concentrate on Cape May in the Spring and Hawk Mountain in the Fall. I'm always trying to expand my birding knowledge and my horizons and I'm not afraid to scope out new birding spots and habitats. I sometimes get the "itch" and will go to Bombay Hook, Conowingo Dam, or the Poconos when birding becomes extremely stagnant here in Marlton, NJ. I basically bird each and every day and I don't need a specific place to do it, because I bird all the time! My goal as a birder is to become a better birder each and every day and to do as much as I can to help promote responsible birding, the conservation of birds, and the protection of their environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric S. Houser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Eric S. Houser